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In re Application of:

Paul C. Peterson Riyad Moe Joseph A. Chinn

Serial No.: 10/020,337

Filed: December 12, 2001

For: POLYMER HEART VALVE WITH

PERFORATED STENT AND SEWING

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 4, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2003, for which the three-month date for response was September 4, 2003.

A request for a two-month extension of time to respond is hereby requested. This twomonth extension will bring the due date to November 4, 2003, which is within the six-month statutory period. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the appropriate extension fee and any other fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2009.015800.

Applicant respectfully requests further examination of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks, which are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.